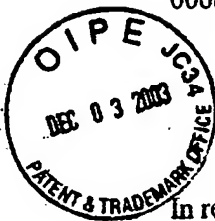


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In re Application of:

Yutaka BAN, et al.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due form, dated September 3, 2003 in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee is due no later than December 3, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith in lieu of paying the Issue Fee.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application, as follows.